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WASHINGTON.

Lengthy Debate on the Cuban Question in the House.

Passage of the Diplomatic Appropriation Bill.

The Fifteenth Amendment Bill Reported from the Conference Committee.

The House Currency Bill to be Reported Next Week.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The debate in the House on the Cuban question has no practical bearing, and did not seem to promise any very important results, though it was earnest, and even somewhat excited. Messrs. Morrill, Banks, Logan, Sargent, Garfield, Dawes, Conger, Maguire, Wilkinson, Myers, Cox, and Willard took part in it, and the discussion was conducted speedily and long. Generally, the Democrats seemed more anxious to find fault with the administration than to do anything for Cuban independence. Mr. Dawes contested the Navy Department for not making proper use of its force down there, but said little on the question, while Mr. Sargent, also evading the main question, censured Mr. Dawes' policy as far as on the Navy Department was concerned. Mr. Garfield threw some needed light on the career and standing of Consul Phillips, whom Lord Granville refuses to receive. Mr. Logan made a severe Cuban speech, while Messrs. Banks, Myers, Willard, and Wilkinson held how really the Foreign Affairs Committee was to bring in and push the Neutrality bill whenever it got a chance. Mr. Morrill, of Maine, made the final speech, in which he stated the Administration's Cuban policy, and declared that it was not to be changed or modified in any way. The feeling seems to be no longer many or bitter in favor of a rebellion in Cuba, and therefore it was not worth while to waste time in support of the Presidential policy adopted.

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A PATERNAL GOVERNMENT.

The principal difference between a republican government and any other is, that its functions are limited and restricted by law to those general objects which the people cannot perform for themselves, and which of necessity must be executed by an agent, emanating the authority of all. The Constitution of the United States appoints this agent, and prescribes its duties and powers. Interference with the business, the liberties, or the privileges of the people, except to administer justice and perform those general duties which the people cannot perform *en masse*, was carefully guarded against. So strongly was this principle asserted and maintained, that, until within a few years, the American people, with a population the number who were criminals or office-holders, never experienced, practically, any interference from the National Government, and were scarcely aware of its existence except as they were called upon, once in four years, to elect a President.

There is hardly a case in history in which any body of men constituting the government, ever voluntarily laid aside the prerogatives or powers once exercised. The desire for self-aggrandizement is a leading principle of human action. The doctrine of expediency will be always becoming the inexorable precedent of to-morrow. Men in office are forever claiming additional prerogatives, and, once allowed to exercise them, it is almost impossible for the people to recover the ground they have lost. We have had numerous illustrations of this fact lately. Under the extraordinary circumstances of the last ten years, and the necessity of exercising extraordinary powers, there has grown up in Congress, and in the executive departments of the government, the dangerous sentiment that the government should take charge generally of the affairs of the people; not merely of their local administration, their social, moral, and educational affairs, but also the regulation of their private business, and their employments and productions. The statute book already exhibits the progress made in this direction, and, of the 2,200 bills now before Congress, three-fourths propose special legislation, and interferences by the General Government in matters over which Congress and the National Government have no more legitimate jurisdiction than they have over the movement of Jupiter's satellites.

The war being over, the government and its powers, and functions, and jurisdiction have fallen back into their ordinary routine of a peace establishment. The occasion for extraordinary powers has ceased. The statesman must turn to the written charter, and there inquire what the duties of the government are. Those duties he will find to be very few and simple. He will find that it was never contemplated that the government should be the paternal institution which had existed so many centuries in other lands, and to re-establish which there is such a strong tendency among us at present. Our fathers knew the evils of such a system, and they avoided them by establishing a government whose only interference with the business and social affairs of the people was to administer justice, coin money, carry the mails, regulate our intercourse with foreign powers, and do a few other things necessary to enable us to hold the position that we can fairly rank among civilized nations. When our government was formed, the world was active in shaking off the crust of feudalism, and was commenced this experiment of a free people governing themselves, without any interference, disturbance or control of the old government. The people were to attend each to his own affairs, and the government was to attend merely to such matters of general character as required a responsible agent. That was the kind of government which was established, by the American people, who wished to escape the paternal system, then in full blast under Louis XIV. in France, George III. in England, and the Pope in Italy, Spain, and Austria. It was supposed that the people of the United States should be the children of the government, to be fed, clothed, and educated, out of their own estate by guardians; but it was intended to be a government for the execution of the laws, the preservation of order, the arbitrament of controversies among individuals, and to transact external business with other nations. Under the paternal and patriarchal system of other countries and other times the government built roads and canals, bridges and highways, churches and universities; it selected those who were to be soldiers and sailors, those who should be ambassadors and consuls, those who should be common laborers; it selected those who should be scholars and those who should be dunces, those who should marry and those who should not; those who should be priests and those who should be nobles and those who should be plebeians. It regulated the hours of labor and the compensation therefor. It prescribed who should be workers in gold and who in iron, who should cultivate the soil, and what crops and how much should be raised, and what kind of cattle should be bred. It regulated the price of food, the length of the hair, the quality of the clothing, and the shape of the ruffle. It required a special license to smoke, to fish, to hunt, or to own a horse or vehicle. It regulated the hours of rising and of going to bed, and the time to be devoted to religion and the form of the prayers to be used, and the kind of sermons. Pagans and heretics should be burned with. It governed the people as the father governs the infants of his family, and endeavored to teach them that all the blessings of life were due to the sovereign wisdom, bounty, and clemency of the government.

With the close of the war, during which so many unrelated powers were exercised, the theory of paternal government has been revived among us. Perhaps nobody in particular is to blame, but so firmly has it become rooted that almost everybody who is not prosperous in business rushes to Congress for relief, or writes to his Senator to tell him that something ought to be done to help him. It is expected that government shall build steamboats and railways, and hire people to operate them, construct bridges, dig out harbors, make and canals, regulate the hours of labor, provide compulsory education, teach mechanic arts, give bounties to particular industries, and levy taxes upon other industries; prohibit certain kinds of importations and exportations, and encourage other kinds; prescribe what persons shall be admitted to hotels, theatres and restaurants, and generally make itself a hateful and costly nuisance. Congress, putting forth its powers not granted, or prohibited, in the Constitution, sets forth confidently to bring in the millennium. The only means which it has at command is the power to tax. If railroads, steamboats, canals, rivers, harbors, and telegraphs require aid, protection, etc., are to be be promoted and "fostered" by the government, it can only be done by the proceeds of taxes, for the government does not derive its revenue from the prayers of the faithful. Whatever is given to one man is taken from another. If the taxes are unjust and the proceeds dissipated. This is the paternal government of the feudal system, modified only by religious toleration. How long we shall enjoy this single exemption it is, perhaps, not safe to predict.

Mr. Judd's Tariff bill, which received 109 votes in the House of Representatives on Monday last, is of the half-hearted, half-slipshod variety of patchwork which has been so often put adopted to the convenience of the present Congress. It recognizes no principle of political economy, but it proposes to reduce taxes, which is the first step in the right direction. The proposition was that the tariff on iron, which now yields the revenue from about one-fifth of the importations, should be reduced from forty-five per cent to twenty-five per cent, and that all the duties on coal, except that on bituminous coal, should be abolished. The proposition was opposed to a reduction of revenue duties. Mr. Judd's bill proposes to reduce both kinds of duties on a few enumerated articles, and to repeal the duty on coal entirely. Regarded as a compromise measure, it was a failure, because the monopolists all got what they asked for. Regarded as a test of the prevailing sentiment of the House, it was a success, because it demonstrated that the high tariff fanatics are in a minority of more than twenty votes. It proves also that the Schenck and Kelley faction have been losing ground ever since the tariff debate began, and that they are now weaker than they were when the Schenck bill was abandoned. It leads us to hope, also, that some measure for reducing tariff taxes may yet be passed by Congress at the present session.

The proposed reduction of the duties on sugar by one-third, and of those on tea and coffee one-fifth, would diminish the gold revenue of the government about $14,000,000, provided the amount of sugar, tea, and coffee imported were not increased. But there would probably be a considerable increase in the amount consumed, caused by a cheapening of the article, and the government would lose a very small part, the loss to the Treasury arising from the reduction of duties. The reduction of the duties on salt and iron, which are now almost prohibitory, would probably lead to an importation of those articles, which would still further counterbalance the loss on tea and sugar. If it should not lead to an increased importation, it would prove that the existing duties are unnecessary, even for protection, and should, upon, be repealed only for purposes of robbery.

THE FENIAN FLUMMERY.

Yesterday we were at peace. At least the country supposed itself to be recovered from the war panic which for a month or two had convulsed it, and was congratulating itself that the danger was over. Then, suddenly, out of their own estate by patriotism; but it was intended in relation to the removal of county seats, and the provision requiring a three-fifths vote to move a county seat further altered, with the consent of the county—both of which the convention left to be settled separately by a vote of the people. If the *Register* is displeased with the action of the convention on these questions, it must hold its own representatives responsible for leading that body astray.

Knox County has been an hopelessly rent and torn into implacable and irreconcilable factions on the question of the location of the county seat, and, whichever way the convention might act, one of the two factions would be satisfied. The convention had to agree on something, but for the purpose of avoiding the necessity of definitely taking sides between the various envenomed county seat combatants, it has wisely reminded the people that they can settle the vote of the electors. This was the best thing it could do under the circumstances.

The fourteenth section of the Bill of Rights in the new constitution reads as follows:

> "No *ex post facto* law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or making any irrevocable grant of special privileges or immunities, shall be passed."

Had the last clause of this section been incorporated in the present constitution, there would be far less complaint heard of railroad monopoly or of extortion. This provision will prevent the Legislature in the future from granting charters that may not subsequently be altered, changed, or amended. There should never be an irrevocable grant of special privileges to any corporation in a republican country. Irrevocable special privileges are undemocratic and subversive of popular rights so far as they conflict with the public good.

The Parliament of Great Britain acted more wisely than our Legislatures in regard to railway charters. All such charters in that country expire at the end of a certain period, and the government has reserved the right to take possession of all the roads, at an appraised price, as it does the telegraph and Post Offices.

In chartering the National Banks, Congress reserved the right to amend, alter, or repeal; and it inserts a similar provision in all charters it grants railroads, and every other species of corporation. The new Bill of Rights contains many wise and excellent provisions, but none better than those enumerated in Section 14.

The Committee on Manufactures in the House of Representatives is an ornamental branch of the body politic whose sole function is to give a "Chairmanship" to some member who has not sufficient influence or standing to be entitled to a Chairmanship of any committee which has any duties to perform. It is one degree lower in importance than the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions—those being the only Committees of Congress now living. If we search the powers of Congress, as enumerated in the constitution, we shall not find the word manufactures, or anything implying manufactures, there. The committee, therefore, is an utterly useless appendage to any House, and it has been reserved to the present committee to prove that it is worse than useless.

The Chairman of this committee is Mr. D. J. Morrell, of Pennsylvania, the same who voted the other day to create for himself and two other persons a monopoly in supplying this country with Bessemer steel rails. A bright thought conceived in this modest person on the other day, and the nimble to compile all the other days of the session, would be that there have been entered against Congressman Wade, and put there South as a report of the Committee on Manufactures. Two members of the committee last night them that it would be well to let Mr. Wade know what was going on, and asked him to propose a reply to the assaults of Morrell, so far as they related to himself, which he did in the most effective manner. His speech, pigeon was embodied in the report of the minority of the committee, and has been ordered to be printed in connection with Morrell's report, as the principal production of that individual. We understand that the other members of the committee had paid so little attention to what was going on that when the two reports were presented to the House, several of them were unable to remember which report they had signed.

The Committee on Manufactures ought now to be abolished as *functus officio*, together with the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, the Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee on Mines and Mining, the Committee on Roads and Canals, the Committee on Freedmen's Affairs, and the Committee on the Decline of American Commerce—all of which are purely ornamental, if not positively mischievous.

Section 26 of the Legislative article of the new constitution declares that, "No law shall be passed to extend the term of any public officer after his election or appointment."

This section is intended to put a stop to the abominable practice of office-holders running down to Springfield every session of the Legislature, to get a special act passed continuing themselves in office beyond the time for which they were elected or appointed. The thing was done so often that the outrage became intolerable. Office-holders from other counties commenced imitating the habit of the Chicago fellows until the evil was assuming all over the State. If not arrested, it was not long before all municipal office-holders got themselves incorporated with "vested rights" to hold their respective places during life, with perpetual succession to their heirs and assigns. It was high time to stop the abuse; but we hope that those who profit by it do not consider it as a personal insult or an improvement on the present one. Perhaps not, but most people think otherwise.

Another provision of the Legislative article, which is said to give advantage to certain individuals, forbids the Legislature "to pass any special law increasing fees, percentages, or allowances of public officers during the term for which they were elected or appointed." The last clause of section 6 of the article in relation to counties, provides for the immediate abolition of those petty sinecures. It declares that, "All fees established by special laws shall cease at the adoption of the constitution, and such office shall receive only such fees as are provided by general law."

Neither of those provisions will be popular with the gentry whose perquisites have been surreptitiously increased without the knowledge or consent of the people, who have been robbed tolerably. The statute books are swollen with these acts of special robbery, and it was high time to put an end to them.

Mr. R. W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics, has made a report upon mining interests, which is now passing through the hands of the Congressional Printer. He estimates the total product of bullion for the year 1869, at $63,500,000, distributed as follows:

California	$37,000,000
Nevada	14,000,000
Oregon and Washington	2,000,000
Colorado	4,000,000
Montana	10,000,000
Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming	1,000,000
New Mexico	500,000
Utah	500,000
All other sources	1,000,000
	$63,500,000

The result is about $6,500,000 less than last year, owing to the cessation of placer mining, during the excessive droughts, in Northern California, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. The steady augmentation of the product of quartz mining more than compensates for the decline of placer mining. Colorado is advancing hopefully in mining, and, under the stimulus of railroads, is developing great natural capacities for agriculture and manufactures, "with unsurpassed climate and healthfulness." Nevada is feeling the advantages of railroad communication in a gradual decline of prices, which enable old fields to be reworked at a profit.

The report brought out most clearly by the report is, that the placer and gravel deposits are secondary products from the decomposition of fissure veins, and that the same regions which have proved rich in alluvial gold must also be found, on examination, to contain auriferous and argentiferous lodes. A more educated class of prospectors and miners, an increase and improvement of the machinery used, and more railroads, are all combined to give a very encouraging view of a very considerable increase of our mining product, and a system of mining at once more permanent and profitable.

The testimony taken in the Georgia investigation by the Senate Judiciary Committee, furnishes a remarkable exhibition of the resources of "cross-examination" in developing the truth from unwilling witnesses. Postmaster Mr. Fowler, a clerk in the Washington City Post Office, was authorized by Mr. Avery, of the Brunswick & Albany (Ga.) Railway, to use $10,000 of railway bonds, guaranteed by the State of Georgia, in securing the vote of Senator Carpenter against the Bingham amendment. Mr. Fortier, when called before the committee, surprised and provaricated several hours, but was finally compelled to admit all the above facts. Mr. Avery, a mere astute man than Fortier, tried the same game, but was finally laid upon his back, in as helpless and mortifying a condition as his predecessor. Mr. D. C. Forney Hodges, also examined, altered his testimony, and had them altered by somebody else, and made desperate efforts to conceal the truth, the only result of which was an exposure, more thorough and complete, perhaps, than if he had told the truth at the outset.

The New Constitution.

Our Illinois exchanges, with scarcely an exception, speak highly of the new constitution, and recommend its adoption. It is rarely that a constitution framed by a convention in any State has received so general and cordial approbation by the press of all shades of opinion and politics. The St. Louis papers, which circulate considerably in Southern Illinois, also speak highly of it. The Springfield correspondent of the St. Louis *Republican* thus writes:

> It is gratifying to observe the unanimity of opinion, as expressed by the newspaper press, in favor of the new constitution, and for the greater portion of the productions could find little to praise in the labors of the convention—the Peoria *Transcript* is the only exception—the Peoria *Transcript* is the only newspaper from all sections of the State which is not heartily in favor of it. While it is admitted that the proposed constitution is not perfect in all its details, the general opinion is unworthy the great State for whose government it was prepared, and that it is greatly in advance of the old. The following one, like others are silenced, read the instrument in the aggregate as a most wise, liberal, and more progressive document than the present.

It collates from Illinois exchanges as follows:

> The Peoria *Review* says frankly, since it has criticised the proposed constitution, it is but just to say that, as a whole, the instrument considered the best ever submitted to the people of the State, and will, we hope, receive their hearty support.
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> The Quincy *Whig* says the question to be decided is not whether or by the new constitution, as imperfect, as it is, but whether or by the old, which, as experience has proved, is positively so.
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> The Alton *Telegraph* regards it as perfectly satisfactory, and as fully meeting the demands of the people, who could be expected to.
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> The Alton *Courier* says: Upon the whole we are satisfied that the people of Illinois will be more than pleased with the new constitution, should it receive the votes of the people.
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Forest Avenue School—Appointment and Resignation of Teachers.

Reduction of Force—Appointment of Standing Committees.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening, at No. 74 La Salle street. There were present: Inspectors Wentworth, Stone, Barker, Walsh, Macalister, Holden, Rose, Lovejoy, Bringer, Moore, Runyon, Carter, Meserve, Clark, Shackford, and President King in the chair.

NOMADE STREET PRIMARY.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that the primary building on Monroe street was approaching completion. In order to accommodate the children who were turned out by the recent fire in the Dearborn street branch, the four rooms on the first floor had been occupied by those divisions for the balance of the term. The report was received, and adopted.

The Board then proceeded to open the bids for the building for the accommodation of a colored school, and asked for authority to proceed in the construction.

The Board unanimously adopted the recommendations made in the above report.

FOREST AVENUE SCHOOL.

Inspector Moore reported that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds had examined a report recommending the payment of a bill of John Ryan for carpenter-work, and on the Forest Avenue School-house, recommending the approval of the bond of Ryan & Hoard for constructing the work on the roof of the building.

Mr. Holden objected to paying the bill, on the ground that the bond of Ryan & Hoard was insufficient to sustain its own weight.

Mr. Carter explained that the whole matter pending before the Committee on Buildings and Grounds was the question whether the matters of the bond should be forfeited or not. The bond was executed, and said it was exactly like that of contractors generally in the city. The question was, whether to blame, as they had simply followed the order of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Holden said the carpenters bill was withdrawn, and the bond was approved. The bill was then finally passed.

TEXT BOOKS.

The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction reported that the books which are now in use in the city schools are the best.

THE SCALE THEATER FUND.

The Committee on Claims and Furniture made a report in reference to the Scale Theater fund, which was received, and the following bids for the necessary furniture for said school were opened:

PARTIAL CERTIFICATES.

The Committee on Examinations reported that the following partial certificates be granted: Mary A. Perry, Mary E. Norwood, Allie Bolte Wentworth, Emma Howard, Ella A. Dewey, Antonia Wilson.

APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS.

The Committee on Appointments reported the following appointments: Matilda Wheeler, Assistant in Franklin School; Hattie Carter, Assistant in Franklin School; Mary A. Sprague, Assistant in Franklin School; Mary W. Sands, Assistant in Franklin School; Mary W. Sands, Assistant in Franklin School; Adelaide N. Butler, Assistant in Colman School; Mary E. Wright, Assistant in Foster School; Mrs. Hattie E. Hoisington, Assistant in Foster School; Mrs. Hattie E. Hoisington, Assistant in Foster School; Mrs. Hattie E. Hoisington

SPORTING MATTERS.

Sharp Game Between the White Stockings and Garden City Nines.

The Former Victorious by a Score of 38 to 19.

BASE BALL.

WHITE STOCKINGS VS. GARDEN CITY.

The second match game of interest ever played in Chicago concerning the White Stockings and their defense, was forcibly demonstrated by the assembling of over five thousand people at Garden Park yesterday afternoon, to witness a match game between the great professional nine and the Garden City Club. The latter club have a reputation for playing the champion, if, indeed, not the most reliable of the amateur organizations of the city, and the expectations that the game would be a closely contested one by them was more than realized. The ground was in excellent condition, according to the rain of the previous day, and it speaks ill for the attractions of the game when so large a gathering of the pick, that the field can afford, could not get in better shape. At 3 o'clock the Garden City nine came on the ground, and it was not until nearly half past that the White Stockings made their appearance, and in the interim the crowd became impatient. The team brought on by the Garden City was by far the strongest they have ever had. Messrs. Kreed, late of the nine of Baltimore, and Alston, of the Athletics of this city, being among the number, and, considering their long experience, not positions, as at first arranged, Mr. Kreed, late of the nine of Baltimore, and Alston, of the Athletics of this city, being among the number, and, considering their long experience, not positions, as at first arranged, Mr. Kreed, late of the nine of Baltimore, and Alston, of the Athletics of this city, being among the number